

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2, 16-25 and 30. Claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended to be process claims dependent on claim 30, which the Examiner has allowed, and claim 29 has been canceled. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

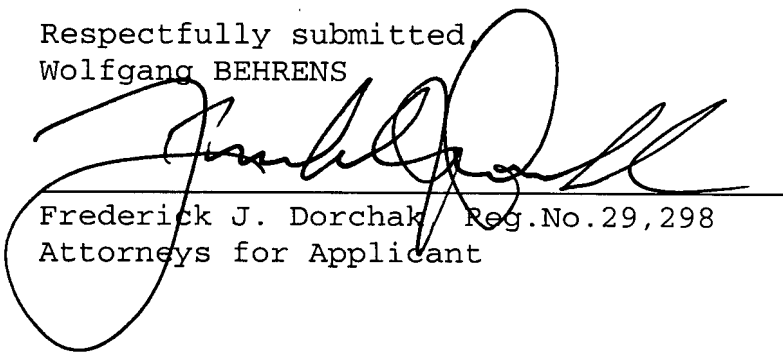
Claim 30 was allowed; however, claims 2, 16-25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *DE 197 40 682* in view of *Molnar et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,507,845*. Claim 25 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *DE '682* as modified by *Molnar et al.* and further in view of *Milstein U.S. Patent No. 4,941,282* for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in order to expedite this case, Applicant has amended claims 2 and 16-25 to be process claims dependent on claim 30, and has canceled claim 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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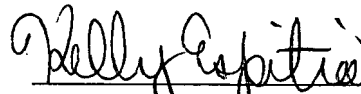
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